

## LBJ ATTENDS McNAMARA RITES

The President of the United States was among the thousands who attended the funeral of Senator Patrick V. McNamara on Wednesday, May 4. Besides Mr. Johnson, 15 U.S. Senators, most of the 19-man Michigan Congressional delegation, Governor Romney, ex-Governors Swainson and Williams, and numerous State legislators, judges, Detroit and Wayne County officials, labor leaders, and Democratic party chiefs were present at the services. Police estimated that a crowd of 7000 jammed the sidewalks around the Verhyden Funeral Home trying to get a glimpse of the President.

Senator McNamara died April 30 from a stroke which followed a long period of hospitalization for a thyroid disorder. His body had lain in state at the funeral home for two days preceeding the services at Holy Name Roman Catholic Church and burial at Mt. Olivet Cemetery.

McNamara's death ended nearly twelve years of service in the U.S. Senate, from which he planned to retire at the end of this year. A former steamfitter, Sen. McNamara was the president of his union local, a member of the Detroit Board of Education, and a Common Councilman before his election to the Senate in 1952. A gruff, white-haired man of 71, McNamara had won wide respect as a champion of the underdogs--the poor, the old, the young, and the unemployed. This burly Irishman with the gravel-pit voice will truly be missed.

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And all of your Democratic friends as well--anyone who is not now receiving this newsletter (?) can have his name added to the mailing list by contacting the

## WOODY PRAISES SOAPY ON CAMPUS

Former Governor G. Mennen Williams told an audience of Oakland students and faculty Tuesday that Viet Nam is only one facet of the problem of world peace and freedom. "We should be concerned about Viet Nam, but even if we solve Viet Nam, we have not ended our world problems," the ex-State Department African expert said.

Following an ad-glib speech praising NATO, "bridges" to the satellite nations, and aid to underdeveloped countries, Williams answered questions from the group, which numbered between 25 and 50, depending on the political affiliations of the observer. In response to a question about Federal Regulation of the auto industry, Williams echoed George Romney in his call for a fifty-governor conference to draw up uniform traffic regulations and safety standards. At this point, Chancellor Varnery rose from his seat to remind the audience of the fine program of traffic safety inaugurated during Soapy's reign. Williams thanked Woody and allowed as how he had founded the Traffic Safety Center and the first drivers' training courses.

After skirting questions on the Dominican situation, African affairs, and his primary battle with Jerome Gavanagh, Soapy ignored the old adage about people who live in glass houses by criticizing the Johnson administration for failing to make clear its Viet Nam policy. He admitted that different interpretations of this policy could arise, but wants everyone to begin with the same premises. Later Williams, looking genuinely hurt, told of Chinese clannishness even when (continued page 3)



Domestic Trivia.....

1. Ken Weingarden has been appointed YD elections coordinator for this district. Any YD who would like to work either for the party as a whole or on a specific campaign can contact Ken through the Young Dems' mailbox in the Activity Center. And no, I don't know how Ken fit in that little bitty box.

2. The editor, publisher, typist, and mimeographer of this rag for the Spring semester is Mike Vitale. Any comments, criticisms, suggestions, or contributions can be directed to him at 606 Phyre, ext. 2786, or via the student mail.

3. The next meeting of the O.U. Young Democrats will be held Thursday, May 26, at 2:00 in room 125, O.C. Newly-elected president Doug Kavanaugh will preside.

4. Instead of being wholly in the hall, the Young Dems now have a hole in the wall in the Activity Center in the basement of O.C. The office is being shared with the Kavanis's Circle K and the (gasp!) Young Republicans under a peaceful coexistence policy.

5. At the first meeting of the Young Dems for this semester, the following officers were elected unanimously\*:

President: Doug Kavanaugh  
Vic-President: Barry Klein  
Treasurer: Mike Vitale  
Secretary: Erin Vogel

\*no one else would run

6. Jerome Cavanagh, the club's endorsed candidate for the U.S. Senate, will speak on the O.U. campus before June 1. More details later, I hope.

THE LAMA SPEAKS!!!!

The Young Dems were entertained at their first meeting this semester by Mr. John E. Lama, who is seeking the Democratic nomination for the 3rd district Senate seat now held by Senate Majority Leader Raymond Dzendzel. Mr. Lama, sporting a huge button reading, "Hi! I'm John Lama," attacked Dzendzel for his lack of leadership and for his blotting of the liberal Democrats' reform efforts, both in caucus and on the Senate floor. Dzendzel's negativism, Lama said, is best seen in his "position of negativism in tax reform while forwarding a position through Stop and Frisk which is symbolic of his lack of comprehension of Detroit's social problems." Acknowledging that he could not out-spend his rival in the upcoming campaign, Lama asked for the club's endorsement in his attempt to counter money with "muscle." After answering questions, Lama, who is a professor at Wayne, left, along with his accompanying one-man combination stooge and cheering section, who had added a comic twist to the whole discussion. A motion to endorse Lama passed after debate which was sometimes heated but more often irrelevant.

GOVERNOR ROMNEY'S ACTIONS HAVE CREATED A REAL FUROR IN LANSING, AND SOME OF US SHALL THAT "FUHRER."

NOTE: MISS ABELAIDE HART, VICE-CHAIRMAN OF THE SENIOR PARTY, WILL SPEAK AT THE MAY 19 MEETING



THE FLIGHT OF THE GRIFFIN

Governor George (Never-on-Sunday) Romney, who would have us believe that he is above (ugh!) politics, delayed his appointment of a successor to the late Senator Patrick McNamara so that Representative Robert Griffin could get an official trip to Viet Nam at taxpayers' expense. The purpose of the trip was to enhance Griffin's chances of retaining the seat against Democratic opposition in November. Recalling Eisenhower's promise--something about going to Korea--many lawmakers facing tough campaigns have made "official" trips to South East Asia.

Griffing a Traverse City Republican, announced his candidacy soon after Senator McNamara announced that he would not seek re-election. When McNamara died April 30 (see page one), Romney said he would make no appointment until after the funeral May 4 "and a proper period of mourning."

The period of mourning came to a sudden halt May 11 when Gov. Romney, during a press conference at the Capitol--to announce the end of the period of mourning, undoubtedly-placed a dramatic phone call to Saigon, where Griffin reacted admirable to the sudden shock of his appointment and announced that he would accept.

Griffin left for Viet Nam May 6 with other members of the House subcommittee on foreign operations and government investigation, which is investigating, naturally enough, the handling of American material sent to Viet Nam by the Agency for International Development. If he had been appointed senator before his departure, he would have had no official reason to go. (Cont. next column (?))

MR. KLEAN ON CAMPUS, cont.

they are engaged in aid projects in which American cooperation would be helpful.

Faced with the difficult task of establishing rapport with a bunch of empty chairs, Williams tried to enliven his burnt-out monologue with JFK's type finger-waving and Eisenhower-type platitudes. Although no one expected a major address from Mr. Williams, we certainly deserved more than what we got.

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THE FLIGHT OF THE GRIFFIN, CONT.

Personnel in Griffin's office seemed to be sitting on pins and needles wondering who the Governor would name. And they gave the impression that Fighting Bob himself was just as uncertain. Just in case, however, they released background material on the congressman, which included the information that he had been behind the Iron Curtain, in Latin America, Europe, "and now in Viet Nam." There were already plans for Romney to call Griffin in Saigon to make the appointment over the phone during a press conference in Lansing.

When Griffin returns from Viet Nam, he is expected to repeat charges already made, both here and in Saigon, that U.S. goods are finding their way onto the black market. Anything for the redy, white, blue, and green, huh Bob?

(Data for the above article came from an article by Saul Fiedman in the Detroit Free Press May 12.)

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SORRY ABOUT THAT DEPARTMENT

Kerk'Dublin's name was inadvertently omitted from the list of new officers on page one. Kerk is State Central Committee Delegate. Just back from Tanzania, Kerk is reportedly working on a George Romney doll.

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SORRY ABOUT THAT BUT IT COULD HAVE BEEN WORSE DEPARTMENT